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## SOLDIERS OF THE DISTRICT

**Militiamen Are Making Ready to Go to the Front.**

**WILL GIVE PROMPT RESPONSE**

Should the Call to Arms Be Sound-  
ed This Evening the National  
Guard of the District Could Go  
Into Camp Tomorrow Morning—A  
Regiment Will Be Accepted.

There will be no delay in responding  
to the call of Secretary Alger for a re-  
giment of volunteers from the District of  
Columbia.

Should the call come this evening the  
regiment could go in camp tomorrow  
morning. The captains of the different  
companies will be ready tonight to make  
up a final muster roll of their men, and  
tomorrow General Harries will report to  
the War Department that he is ready to  
furnish the volunteers needed. It is ex-  
pected that Secretary Alger will then  
make the official order changing the Dis-  
trict's quota. This will be followed by  
almost immediate orders for the regiment  
to go in camp. Colonel Hoyt, the mustering  
officer, will accompany them and com-  
mence the task of mustering the volun-  
teers into the United States service.

Several of the new volunteer companies  
will have a drill tonight at the armory  
just to get them in shape and used to the  
new officers.

Company E, the senior company, was  
able to report this morning thirty-four  
members. This result was attained since  
last night. Captain O'Brien has decided  
to make Charles G. Mortimer quar-  
termaster-sergeant and R. L. Lamb a ser-  
geant. Notices were sent to the members  
of the companies this afternoon to meet  
tonight at the Second Regimental head-  
quarters at the armory for a drill.

As announced in The Times this morn-  
ing, Captain Sayers, of Company C of the  
Fifth Battalion, has decided to accept  
the post of sergeant in Company F, under  
Captain Otto Simonson. Captain Sayers  
company was not considered in the dis-  
tribution of officers by General Harries,  
and last night nearly the whole company  
followed its captain's example and volun-  
teered their services to Captain Simonson.

Those who were accepted were:  
Jon Clark, J. C. Miley, R. S. Varian,  
W. F. Clarkson, G. W. Van Horn, H. J.  
Jenkins, A. Lushy, W. A. Warren, C. P.  
Sonder, P. L. Burke, Wm. Olin, T. Mc-  
Shewart, G. A. Bagelman, W. J. James,  
W. A. Dowling, Jos. O'Brien, J. W.  
Blondier, John Thecker, H. Holtzman, J.  
McArdle, Thos. D. Parker, M. S. Hilton,  
D. J. Moore, Alfred Schumann, J. J.  
Cliff, W. H. Wise, J. E. W. Short, J. J.  
Voigt, J. S. Perkins, J. P. Mollier, James  
Walls, William Sheridan and James H.  
Kroll.

There is some dissatisfaction in Com-  
pany D, Ordway Rifles, over the selec-  
tion of Horace Bell for second lieutenant  
and it is certain that some of the mem-  
bers will decline to go to the front with  
their company. Bell is the son of Major  
Bell, an inspector of rifle practice and is  
well liked personally. He was a member  
of the Cornell University military school,  
but in the guard has never risen higher  
than a private.

In this connection there are more  
rumors concerning the acceptance of men  
in the volunteer regiment who are not  
affiliated with the guard. More than one  
company has decided to accept men from  
the militia. Capt. Sayers explained this  
morning that such action was permis-  
sible. He had a conversation with Gen.  
Harries who stated that the new re-  
giment was not a National Guard organi-  
zation but a volunteer regiment. This  
explanation was made with reference to  
the selection of officers who are not now  
in the guard and it is generally under-  
stood to be equally applicable to the en-  
listment of privates.

At the War Department today it was  
said that Secretary Alger was not yet  
ready to call upon the District soldiers  
for their services.

**Admiral's Crew Jubilant.**  
New York, May 3.—The steamship Ad-  
miral arrived this morning from King-  
ston, San Juan, Greytown and Port Au-  
Prince. Among her passengers were eight  
officers and fifteen men belonging to the  
United States Nicaraguan Canal Com-  
mission. When the steamship reached  
Kingston her passengers heard the  
news of the battle of Manila. There was  
rejoicing among the passengers, particu-  
larly the seamen who cheered and yell-  
ed lustily over the great naval victory.

**British Steamer Enters Havana.**  
Key West, Fla., May 3.—The British  
steamer Talbot from Bermuda, went in-  
to Havana yesterday, after a conference  
with the officers of the blockading squad-  
ron who raised no objection. The Talbot  
is supposed to have messages for the  
British consul and may take Englishmen  
away who want to come. Sailors on the  
Montgomery cheered the British tars  
heartily as the Talbot steamed off.

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## A CHANGE OF PLAN

**The Invasion of Cuba Will Be  
Postponed.**

**MUST SINK SPAIN'S FLEET**

**Supplies to Be Sent to Cuban  
Soldiers.**

**FOOD FOR THE STARVING**

**The Latest Proposition Is to Land  
a Small American Force Temporarily  
and Thoroughly Equip the  
Seasick Patriots Under Gomez  
and Garcia—Spanish Ships to Be  
Detected.**

The invasion of Cuba by a permanent  
Army of 5,000 troops that was planned to  
take place tomorrow is believed to have  
been abandoned, although no statement  
of any kind will be made at the War De-  
partment.

The present plan, as far as it can be  
learned, is that a small force is to be  
landed temporarily with food for the re-  
concentrados and arms for the Cuban  
soldiers.

The reasons suggested for the change  
of plan are simple. The situation in Cu-  
ba at present is that Blanco is bottled up  
in Havana practically. No food can get  
to him from the outside, owing to the  
blockade. If the Cubans are armed his  
position will be still more precarious. It  
is not believed that he can do anything  
as long as the peaceful blockade is  
maintained.

On the other hand the intention of  
Spain outside of Cuba is still unknown.  
She may send her entire Atlantic naval  
forces to attack the blockading squad-  
ron. If this proves the case there is the  
possibility that Admiral Sampson's fleet  
might get the worse of the fight. With  
the blockade thus broken up and the  
Spaniards in command the tables would  
be reversed on any American Army in  
Cuba.

The plans of America depend largely  
on the Spanish fleets. When they are  
disposed of, and if Spain has not given  
up by that time the Administration be-  
lieves it will be time to invade Cuba.

It is believed that no attack on the Ha-  
vana forts should be made by the Ameri-  
can squadron until the Spanish fleet is  
heard from. The Havana forts are  
considered much more formidable  
than those at Manila, and they might  
sink some of the American ships. A large part of the blockad-  
ing squadron may be obliged to withdraw  
to help protect the Atlantic coast.

The conclusion to which some jumped  
that the war was practically ended with  
Manila, is not shared by those whose busi-  
ness it is to conduct the war. They do  
not underestimate Manila, however. It  
has broken Spain's power in the East,  
created new enthusiasm here, and con-  
vinced the world of America's power and  
purpose.

The progress of the war will now be  
rapid, and many look for its ending in  
July, unless a collapse in Spain should  
terminate it sooner.

Next week may come the real decisive  
battle of the war, when the North At-  
lantic squadron meets the Cape Verde  
fleet. The course of events may be de-  
flected, should the Spanish fleet try to  
intercept the Oregon, or should it make  
a demonstration against the North At-  
lantic coast.

While the inevitable may be postponed,  
it cannot be avoided. Nowhere, it may  
be believed, is this more keenly realized  
than in Madrid.

Preparations for Cuban relief continue  
to be pushed by the War Department, and  
while nothing official can be learned it  
seems to be the intention of the Adminis-  
tration to start the expedition for Cuba  
at an early date.

Transports have been secured and are  
ready to start at any moment.

The expedition will carry arms, ammu-  
nition, horses and mules for the insurgent  
forces. The insurgent forces will be  
placed in charge of the base of supplies  
established, and arrangements made for  
co-operation between them and the Ameri-  
can fleet.

**EQUIP THE INSURGENTS.**  
Spaniards May Be Landing Supplies  
at Batabano.  
Tampa, Fla., May 3.—There are rumors  
of an entire change of plan of the in-  
vasion of Cuba. It is now expected that  
no troops will be landed west of Santa  
Clara.

A rumor that the Spaniards are cir-  
cumventing the Havana blockade by re-  
embarking Havana from the south coast,  
has its origin in official circles. Gen.  
Shafter is said to have received informa-  
tion that the Spaniards are landing food  
and ammunition at Batabano, and taking  
them from there by rail to Havana. It  
is evident that the Cubans themselves are  
expected to make important inland op-  
erations against the Spaniards. In line  
with this, Brigadier Gen. Shafter, now  
in command here, said this morning, in  
reply to a request for a general state-  
ment as to the plan of the campaign:  
"Equip the insurgents; urge them to the  
front; watch the result, and if the re-  
sult requires further movement, make  
further movements."

An order, issued at the camp last night,  
revoking the order to be in immediate  
readiness to embark, is said to be due to  
the feeling over the Manila victory. There  
seems to be a feeling that Spain  
will back down, and the Cuban invasion  
may be unnecessary.

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## DISTRICT NAVAL RESERVES.

**The Bill for a Washington Battalion  
Goes to Conference.**

There was hardly a quorum present  
when the House convened at noon, but  
before the morning hour had progressed  
the chamber began to fill up and a  
bare majority was seated by 1:30.

Routine business occupied the attention  
of the House until Representative Hil-  
born, of the Naval Affairs Committee,  
called up House bill 1116, providing for  
the organization of a naval battalion in  
the District of Columbia, which had  
been reported back from the Senate with  
certain amendments. Mr. Hilborn moved  
to postpone the bill to a later date, and  
by a unanimous vote it was agreed to  
send the bill to conference for a com-  
promise. Representatives Hilborn,  
Foss and Butler were named by the  
chair as House conferees.

Representative Babcock succeeded in  
gaining the floor on District business, and  
moved to reconsider the vote on the  
House bill investing in the Commission-  
ers control of street parking. There was  
no objection to reconsideration, and  
then the House agreed to postpone in the  
Senate amendments and the bill was  
sent to conference.

Pension business occupied the next  
half hour. All such bills are now  
pushed through rapidly in the expecta-  
tion that Chairman Hull would call up  
his military bill, providing for the in-  
creasing the land force of the country.

A contention arose over the bill to  
the Richmond Locomotive Works, of  
Richmond, Va., the sum of \$20,000 for  
the machinery of the battleship Texas,  
that caused the loss of considerable  
time.

The bill had been favorably consid-  
ered in committee of the whole, and was  
reported to the House for passage.

Mr. Moody of Massachusetts insisted  
upon making a speech against the bill.  
Mr. Brumm, who had the bill in charge,  
objected, saying it had been fully debated  
in committee. Mr. Brumm demanded the  
previous question.

A vote disclosed the presence of only  
seventy-eight members, and Mr. Moody  
made the point of no quorum. Upon the  
point he had been forced to him, he  
proposed to withdraw his point of no  
quorum, but the Speaker ruled that it  
was too late.

After the waste of half an hour in fu-  
tile effort to untie the parliamentary  
knot, the yeas and nays were ordered, on  
the demand for the previous question.

## TWO WARSHIPS SIGHTED.

**Supposed American Vessels Pass  
Anasco, Headed Southwest.**

Nassau, N. P., May 3.—Two warships  
now passing five miles south of Nas-  
sau, heading southwest. They are sup-  
posed to be American vessels. The British  
steamer Ironclad, from Cardiff,  
for Havana, with 3,000 tons of coal on  
board, was not allowed to enter Havana,  
and has returned here for orders.

## OREGON SAILS NORTH TODAY.

**Crew of the Battleship Eager for a  
Fight.**

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, via Galves-  
ton, Texas, May 3.—Admiral received from  
a correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil,  
state that the United States battleship  
Oregon and gunboat Marietta will sail  
probably today from this port. They will  
enter Bahia and wait for the dynamite  
gun vessels. Neither recently pur-  
chased from Brazil.

In the crew of the battleship Oregon  
are many Japanese. Both the Americans  
and the Japanese are anxious to go to  
fighting.

A dispatch from Rio Janeiro announces  
the arrival there of the Spanish gunboat  
Tenerife.

It is expected here that if a fight occurs  
the ships will meet just beyond the legal  
three-mile limit.

## WARSHIPS FOR RUSSIA.

**Cramps Get a Contract to Build Two  
Large Vessels.**

Philadelphia, May 3.—The Cramp  
Shipbuilding Company has received cable  
advice from Charles H. Cramp, its presi-  
dent, now in Europe, to the effect that  
contracts have been signed between the  
Russian government and himself for the  
construction of two important vessels.

One is to be a battleship of approximately  
12,500 tons displacement, and is to have  
a guaranteed speed of eighteen knots per  
hour.

The other is to be a protected cruiser  
of about 4,000 tons displacement, and  
to develop a speed of twenty-two knots  
per hour.

An important fact in this connection is  
that this is the first award of a con-  
tract for the construction of a battle-  
ship to be built abroad in the history of  
the Russian navy. The protected cruiser  
is also the largest and most important  
vessel of this type ever ordered by the  
Russian government in any foreign ship-  
yard.

## CONSUL ASKS PROTECTION.

**British Representative Fears Violence  
From Spanish Mobs.**

New York, May 3.—The British steam-  
er Ely, which arrived here this morning  
sailed from Guantanamo, April 22, with  
a cargo of sugar. Shortly before sailing  
the British consul ordered the captain to  
take on board a large number of refu-  
gees from Cuba and American citizens,  
leaving Cuba. Nearly eighty  
passengers were taken on board, among  
whom was United States Consul Tice  
from Baracoa. The passengers were  
obliged to huddle together as well as they  
could, and were safely landed at King-  
ston, Jamaica.

Before leaving Guantanamo the Brit-  
ish consul instructed Capt. Ely to in-  
form the British authorities that he  
would need protection from the mobs on  
account of his activity in protecting  
American citizens.

## The Cargo That Never Came.

New York, May 3.—The British steamer  
Alcedo, recently chartered by the Ward  
Line, which sailed hence for Havana on  
April 22, returned today with her \$50,000  
cargo, among which were six military  
cars intended for the Spanish army in  
Cuba and a large quantity of munition.  
She put into Jupiter, Fla., on her way  
to the Gulf and there received orders to  
come back to New York. Her cargo will  
be put in storage.

## Watching for American Yachts.

London, May 3.—A telegram from Nice  
says that the La Turbie Semaphore sta-  
tion reports that a Spanish cruiser is ten  
miles off shore watching for the Ameri-  
can yachts in the Mediterranean.

## Light Weight Underway.

White pine, dressed 2 cents a foot.  
one width; pine, bright, jointed on edge.

## ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

**No Present Intention to Send Ameri-  
can Troops to the Philippines.**

There is some discussion in the War  
Department as to the necessity of sending  
an army from the Pacific Coast to the  
Philippines to hold the new American  
possessions. It may be stated, positively,  
however, that nothing like a program  
has been reached.

A statement has been made that a force  
is to be sent immediately, but it is found-  
ed at best on this gossip. The fastest  
mail steamers make a three weeks' trip  
from San Francisco to the Philippines.  
Transport ships would take a month.  
This is one good reason why several good  
ships and several regiments of troops  
should not be sent so far from communi-  
cation with home.

It is thought probable that before they  
would reach the end of a cable again the  
war would be over and the need of their  
services at an end.

At present the situation in the islands  
can only be surmised, but the indications  
are that Commodore Dewey has all his  
ships in good shape still and that he has  
possession of all the coal at Manila.

The insurgents on the islands are be-  
lieved to be a very active force and quite  
capable of giving the Spanish soldiers all  
the occupation they need outside of Ma-  
nila. As far as can be learned the Ad-  
ministration has no intention of a con-  
quest of the remainder of the islands.  
If this is the program, Commodore Dewey  
will be abundantly able to hold Manila  
indefinitely.

## SPANISH EVACUATE BAYAMO.

**Important Cuban Town Surrendered  
to the Insurgents.**

New York, May 3.—A cable dispatch  
from Jamaica says the Spaniards have  
evacuated Bayamo, an important town  
in Cuba and that the insurgents have oc-  
cupied it.

Bayamo has been held by a strong  
force of Spanish troops and is located in  
the southwestern end of the province of  
Santiago de Cuba. Its position as a  
strategic point has been held by the  
Spanish forces in high regard, and the  
probability is that owing to the great ne-  
cessity of concentrating troops in the Ma-  
tanzas province, where Spain expects to  
be met with a strong force of Americans,  
it has been determined to evacuate points  
where troops can be spared, under the  
present circumstances, with comparative-  
ly little disadvantage.

## LEE HEARS THE NEWS.

**Spanish Dispatches From Manila  
Remind Him of Blanco's Mule.**

Richmond, Va., May 3.—Richmond  
enthusiastic over the news of the great  
American victory at Manila.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee arrived here Sunday  
night from Washington, and like every  
one else, was jubilant when he learned  
the news. The general first heard of the  
battle from a morning paper. "That is  
Spanish," he said, when he read that the  
Madrid officials were congratulating the  
officers of the fleet. "Vessels burned and  
sunk, yet a victory was claimed. It re-  
minds me of Blanco's mule." He sum-  
med up the situation by saying that  
only a mule was killed.

Reading further, Gen. Lee looked up  
from the paper and remarked to those  
about him: "Here we have it. Spanish  
officials claim a victory, and yet the ca-  
blegrams say Madrid is greatly excited  
over the serious news from the Philip-  
pines, and there is an immense gathering  
much muttering. Why the muttering  
in Madrid if the result is such as to call  
for congratulations? This is the Spanish  
way of claiming victory, when all the evi-  
dence is that Spain received a crushing  
defeat."

## TRANSPORTATION OF TROOPS.

**A Railroad Official Is Placed in  
Charge.**

The War Department today made  
arrangements whereby Mr. W. H. Blanch-  
ard, president of the Joint Traffic Asso-  
ciation, will have charge of the trans-  
portation of all the American land forces  
including regulars and volunteers. Mr.  
Blanchard is now in New York but will  
probably be given an office in the War  
Department in order to supervise the  
work more directly.

## NAVAL ORDERS.

**Commanders Named for the Illinois  
and Toledo.**

Naval orders were issued today as fol-  
lows:  
Commander J. P. Merrill, to command  
the Illinois, and Lieutenant Commander  
W. S. Cowles, to command the Toledo.

Lieutenant Commander F. H. Sheppard,  
retired, navy yard, Pensacola, Fla.,  
Lieut. Com. H. P. McIntosh, retired, to  
Hydrographic Office.

Lieut. W. Doty, retired, to Naval Sta-  
tion, Key West.  
Paymaster W. J. Thompson, to Illinois,  
Paymaster G. H. Reed, to navy yard,  
Pensacola, N. H.

Paymaster George Foster, detached from  
navy yard, Portsmouth, and ordered to  
Key West.

Lieut. J. H. Shopley, detached Naval  
Academy, and ordered to Key West Naval  
Station.

Chief Engineer R. T. Warburton, to  
rank of lieutenant.  
Acting Assistant Surgeon A. Stewart, to  
Naval Station, Port Royal.

Acting Chaplain John B. Scott, to the  
St. Paul.  
Commander B. S. Richards, retired, to  
Section 162.

Passed Engineer John Pemberton, to be  
assistant inspector of machinery, East  
Orange, N. Y.

Acting Lieut. G. W. Mason, to Prairie,  
Passed Assistant Surgeon G. A. Young,  
detached Naval Station, Port Royal, and  
to Illinois.

Passed Assistant Engineer G. W. Dan-  
forth, detached navy yard, New York, and  
to Illinois.

Lieut. Com. H. T. Jasper, three months'  
sick leave.  
Lieut. D. H. Mahon, order of April 29,  
revoked, and to continue on furlough.

Pay Director L. G. Billings, to navy  
yard, New York, to re-coast signal de-  
fense.

## Roosevelt's Plans.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt is making  
preparations to leave here on Friday or  
Saturday to join his regiment at San An-  
tonio, Texas. He will not resign from the  
Navy Department until then.

## The Weather—Libbey & Co. say—

Threatening; possibly showers tonight.

## SESSION OF THE CABINET

**Secretary Long Does Not Be-  
lieve the Blockade Is Raised.**

## NO DISPATCHES FROM DEWEY

**The Secretary of the Navy Discredi-  
its the Dispatch From Madrid  
That the Blockading Squadron  
Has Withdrawn From Cuba and  
Sailed Toward Key West.**

Senator Mark Hanna called at the  
White House early this forenoon, as is  
his wont on Cabinet days. He remained  
with Mr. McKinley several minutes. Im-  
mediately after leaving the Executive  
Mansion, Mr. Hanna went over to the  
Navy Department, where he saw the  
Secretary.

Secretary Long did not arrive at the  
White House until the Cabinet meeting  
was about to begin. Mr. McKinley and  
he were engaged earnestly in conversa-  
tion before the business of the meeting  
was taken up.

Before the arrival of the Cabinet  
meeting, Senator Spooner of Wisconsin,  
Senator Allen of Nebraska, and Senator  
Hate of Tennessee talked with the Presi-  
dent.

Mr. Long communicated to the Cabinet  
that it was reported from Madrid that  
Hannan had called that the entire Ameri-  
can blockading fleet had moved from its  
position before Havana and had sailed  
toward Key West.

"I can conceive of no contingency,"  
Mr. Long said, "in which such a course  
would be expedient. Consequently, I  
place no reliance upon the dispatch."

It is believed that Rear Admiral Samp-  
son's orders to maintain the blockade are  
as imperative as to make it altogether out  
of the question for him to raise the bar-  
rier now intervening between Havana and  
the outside world.

The Cabinet remained in session about  
an hour, and at the close of the meeting  
none of the members would say anything.  
No official dispatches have been re-  
ceived from Commodore Dewey.

John A. Logan, Jr., saw the President  
today regarding the commission he de-  
sires to have.

Representative Young of Brooklyn called  
upon the President after the Cabinet  
meeting.

## MAJOR GENERAL LEE.

**His Appointment Will Be Sent to the  
Senate Tomorrow.**

The President has decided to send the  
appointment of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee as a  
major general to the Senate tomorrow  
for confirmation. He will be given com-  
mand of the Third Army Corps of Volun-  
teers, which will probably be concentrated  
at Richmond. It is understood that  
Adjutant General Corbin has sent a con-  
fidential telegram to Gen. Lee at Rich-  
mond congratulating him upon his ap-  
pointment.

## OUR EXPERT GUNNERS.

**American Marksmanship the Result  
of Liberal Target Practice.**

Key West, May 3.—Naval officers are  
loud in their praise of Commodore Dewey's  
achievement. One commanding offi-  
cer said the American Navy spends  
more money in target practice than any  
three navies in the world, and as a re-  
sult the American gunners are the best  
marksmen in the world. In open bat-  
tle the North Atlantic squadron could  
defeat the entire Spanish navy.

Many troops of the Spanish cavalry  
and infantry have been concentrated  
at Richmond. It is understood that  
Adjutant General Corbin has sent a con-  
fidential telegram to Gen. Lee at Rich-  
mond congratulating him upon his ap-  
pointment.

## CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

**Ship Apothecaries Will Hold the  
Rank of Warrant Officers.**

The House Committee on Naval Affairs  
was in session today completing a bill  
for the organization of a hospital system  
in the Navy. It is proposed to give the  
apothecaries aboard ship the rank of  
warrant officers and provide them with  
a sufficient number of hospital stewards  
to care for the sick and wounded aboard  
ship.

The officer having control of the hospi-  
tal system of a fleet will be aboard the  
flagship, but it will be his duty to see that  
ample provisions are made for the sick  
and wounded of the entire fleet.

## MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID.

**Spanish Cabinet Resolves to Pro-  
claim a State of Siege.**

Madrid, May 3.—The cabinet, in conse-  
quence of the excited state of public feel-  
ing, has resolved to proclaim martial law  
under martial law. Constitutional rights  
will not be suspended and a state of siege  
will be proclaimed only in Madrid.

Deputy Gasset will submit in the cham-  
ber today a motion inquiring as to the  
responsibility of Admiral Bermejo, min-  
ister of marine, for the Manila disaster.  
The government has been officially no-  
tified that Commodore Dewey has cut the  
Manila cable, the end of which was car-  
ried on board the flagship Olympia.

## THE SANTA CRUZ PLOT.

**Evidence Implicating Two Span-  
iards in Powder Mill Explosion.**

Santa Cruz, Cal., May 3.—At the coron-  
er's inquest over the remains of the vic-  
tims of the California Powder Mill explo-  
sion, it developed that two Spaniards had  
called at a certain house on the morning  
of the explosion and loitered for the lo-  
cation of the powder works.

The inquest was postponed until Wed-  
nesday.

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